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MCSW to Host Essex County Public Hearing in Peabody on December 10

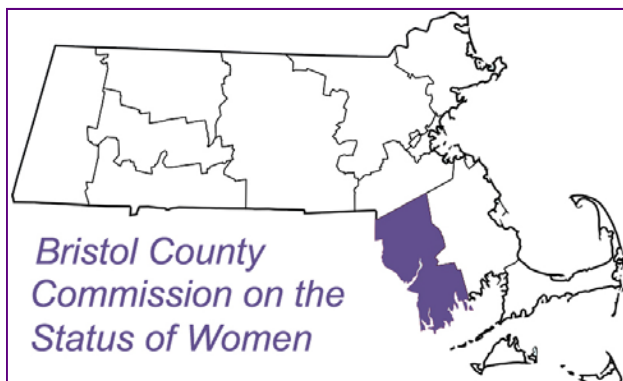
In keeping with its mandate to study and report on the status of women in the Commonwealth to the Governor, Senate President, Speaker of the House and Caucus of Women Legislators, the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women will hold one of its regional public hearings on Wednesday, December 10 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Torigian Community Life Center (79 Center St., Peabody). Participation is free and open to the press and public.

This public hearing is open to all citizens of Essex County. The goal of the hearing is to gather information, opinions and insights about the issues confronting the women who live and work in Essex County communities. This year there has been particular interest in domestic violence prevention, teen pregnancy prevention and equal pay for women. But, the hearing is not limited to those issues. The Commission welcomes testimony and input on any issue affecting women and anticipates receiving recommendations from those presenting testimony.

Written and/or oral testimony will be accepted. Speakers will be limited to three minutes in order to give everyone wishing to speak an opportunity to do so. The Commission encourages anyone who wishes to testify or would like to receive more information to e-mail mcsw@state.ma.us.

During Fiscal Year 2009, the MCSW will hold Regional Public Hearings in the following areas: Framingham/Metrowest, Franklin/Hampden/Hampshire, Northern Middlesex, and Plymouth County. The MCSW is seeking organizations in these areas to assist with coordinating, hosting and spreading the word about these Dialogues. Interested parties should contact Outreach Coordinator Jill Ashton at jill.ashton@state.ma.us or 617-626-6525.

Call for Applications for Commissioners in Bristol County



As an Appointing Authority to the Berkshire Commission on the Status of Women, the MCSW is seeking applications to fill a Berkshire Commissioner vacancy. The Berkshire Commission is comprised of 9 appointed women who have had prior experience working towards the improvement of the status of women. Commissioners are drawn from diverse racial, ethnic, religious, age, sexual orientation, and socio-economic backgrounds from throughout Berkshire County. Appointments are made by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women.

The Commission's duties include: studying, reviewing and reporting on the status of women in Berkshire County; promoting and facilitating collaboration among local women's organizations; recommending policies that benefit women to agencies, officers of the state, and local government; and holding fact-finding hearings and other public forums as it may deem necessary. The Commission meets at least 6 times a year, at the members' discretion.

To be considered for appointment, please submit a completed application package, which can be accessed at www.mass.gov/women, to: The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women, Charles F. Hurley Building, 19 Staniford Street, 6th Floor, Boston, MA, 02114. Please remember that information you provide is public and cannot be kept private or confidential.

Take Action. Get Educated. Get Involved.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in the movement to advance women in the Commonwealth you can start by attending any one of the number of events and meetings taking place across the state in the coming weeks.

**Wednesday, December 10 (5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.): Essex County Regional Public Hearing**

Location: Peter A. Torigian Community Life Center (79 Central Street, Peabody)

Details: The MCSW invites you to share your thoughts and concerns at a Regional Public Hearing focusing on the women of Essex County and the issues they face, including, but not limited to their experiences with and knowledge of domestic violence, teen pregnancy, and pay equity. Written and oral testimony will be accepted and participation is free and open to the public. Testimony should be limited to three minutes per speaker and when possible, should include recommendations for the Commission. Anyone who wishes to testify or would like to receive more information can e-mail mcsw@state.ma.us.



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Details: The Massachusetts Conference for Women, hosted in conjunction with the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women, is a non-profit, non-partisan, one-day event where Massachusetts women can connect, learn practical and professional strategies from nationally recognized experts, and network with peers. Now in its fourth year, this upcoming Conference promises

to be more exciting, more educational and more inspiring than ever with dynamic speakers and panelists who are eager to share their experiences and opinions with participants of all ages, from all across the state. The Conference will honor inspiring women with our Be the Change Award, and attendees will hear first hand how the Conference is making a difference in people's lives. Nominate a woman for the Be the Change Award and register for the Conference by visiting www.maconferenceforwomen.org.

**Saturday, December 13 (9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.): Talent, Time, Treasure, Tradition - and Tax Preparation**

Location: Simmons College (300 The Fenway, Boston)

Details: The Boston Women's Fund hosts this free workshop designed to help women of color plan their holiday giving with an eye toward tax deductions for charitable donations. Continental breakfast will be served. Please by December 10th to Kelley Chunn at kelley@bostonwomensfund.org or 617-725-0035, ext. 3012.

**Friday, March 6 (7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.): International Women's Day Breakfast - Who Owns Your Food & Water: Globally & Locally**

Location: Linda K. Paresky Conference Center, Simmons College (300 The Fenway, Boston)

Details: This year, the Boston International Women's Day Breakfast will examine the impact that corporate ownership of food and water has had on women, their families and their communities – locally and globally. Join us for an engaging and informative morning of presenters as they address the concerns, challenges and effects that corporate ownership of food and water have on the health of women, their families and their communities. For more information please contact Diane Hammer at diane.hammer@simmons.edu.

Do you have an event you would like to see on this list in an upcoming issue of The Status Report? E-mail the details to Program Coordinator Kim Sebastiao at Kimberly.Sebastiao@state.ma.us and we will do our best to include your event in our next issue.

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